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In re Application of :
BOONSTRA :
Application No.: 10/534,902 :
PCT No.: PCT/NL03/00793 :
Int. Filing: 11 November 2003 :
Priority Date: 16 November 2002 :
Attorney Docket No.: 3985-051498 :
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR :
DETACHABLY FIXATING AN OBJECT :

DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

This decision is issued in response to applicant's "Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181" filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 10 November 2006. No Petition fee is required.

BACKGROUND

On 11 November 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/NL03/00793, which claimed a priority date 16 November 2002. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.495, the period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired 30 months from the priority date, 16 May 2005.

On 16 May 2005, applicants filed a transmittal for entry into the national stage in the United States, which accompanied by, inter alia: the requisite basic national fee as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 20 September 2005, the United States Designated/Elected Office mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) must be filed. The notification set a two-month time limit in which to respond.

On 26 May 2006, the United States Designated/Elected Office mailed a Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) indicating that the application is abandoned due to failure to respond to PCT/DO/EO/905.

On 10 November 2006, applicants filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

DISCUSSION

A review of application file reveal that application indicates that the Customer Number is 28289, but it was inadvertently changed to 25363. As such the Form PCT/DO/EO/905 mailed 20 September 2005 should have been mailed to the correspondence address associated with the Customer Number 28289, not 25363.

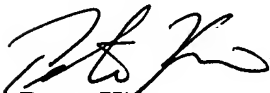
Applicant's petition and accompanying papers satisfy the requirements for granting applicant's petition. The holding of abandonment in this application is withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

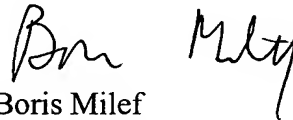
For the reasons above, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

The Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) mailed 26 May 2006 and the Notification of Missing Requirement (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) mailed 20 September 2005 are hereby VACATED.

This application is being returned to the DO/EO/US for processing in accordance with this decision.



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